

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A data transmission/reception system comprised of a first recording/reproduction apparatus and a second recording/reproduction apparatus which execute recording and reproduction of input data, and which transmits and receives data between said first recording/reproduction apparatus and said second recording/reproduction apparatus,

wherein said first recording/reproduction apparatus includes:

a first recording unit for recording a digital data group and a first database file which stores information regarding digital data, which includes copy origin information indicating where each digital data is copied from and copy destination information indicating where each digital data is copied to, each digital data of the digital data group;

an extraction unit operable to extract, from the first database file, information regarding digital data which corresponds to digital data which is recorded in said first recording/reproduction apparatus but has not been recorded in said ~~been deleted from said~~ second recording/reproduction apparatus, by comparing a second database file sent by said second recording/reproduction apparatus with the first database file;

a delete determination unit operable to determine, based upon the copy origin information and the copy destination information, whether or not to delete the extracted information regarding the digital data and the digital data that corresponds to the extracted information regarding the digital data from said first recording/reproduction apparatus, and

wherein said second recording/reproduction apparatus includes:

a second recording unit for recording a digital data group and a second database file which stores information regarding each digital data of the digital data group; and

a sending unit operable to send the second database file to said first recording/reproduction apparatus.

Claims 2 and 3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) The data transmission/reception system according to Claim-2 1,

wherein ~~information which indicates a priority level is further included in each~~ information regarding the digital data stored in the first database file and the second database file further includes information which indicates a priority level, and

said delete determination unit is operable to determine, based on the priority level of the digital data, whether or not to delete the extracted information regarding the digital data and the digital data that corresponds to the extracted information regarding the digital data.

Claims 5-8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) The data transmission/reception system according to Claim 1,
wherein ~~copy origin information indicating where the digital data is copied from and~~
~~copy destination information indicating where the digital data is copied to are included in the~~
~~information regarding each digital data stored in the first database file and the second database~~
~~file;~~
~~—said extraction unit is operable to extract information regarding digital data which~~
~~corresponds to digital data which is recorded in said first recording/reproduction apparatus but is~~
~~not recorded in said second recording/reproduction apparatus, by comparing the second database~~
~~file with the first database file, and~~
~~—said first recording/reproduction apparatus further includes a sending unit operable to~~
~~send, to said second recording/reproduction apparatus, the extracted information regarding the~~
~~digital data and the digital data that corresponds to the extracted information regarding the digital~~
~~data.~~

10. (Currently Amended) The data transmission/reception system according to Claim 9,
wherein said sending unit is operable to determine, based on the copy origin information
and copy destination information of the digital data, whether or not to send, to said second
recording/reproduction apparatus, the information regarding the extracted digital data and the
digital data that corresponds to the extracted information regarding the ~~extracted~~ digital data.

11. (Currently Amended) The data transmission/reception system according to Claim ~~10~~ 9,
wherein ~~information indicating a priority level is further included in each~~ information
regarding the digital data stored in the first database file and the second database file further
includes information indicating a priority level, and
said sending unit is ~~further~~ operable to determine, based on the priority level information,

whether or not to send, to said second recording/reproduction apparatus, the extracted information regarding the digital data and the digital data that corresponds to the extracted information regarding the digital data.

12. (Currently Amended) The data transmission/reception system according to Claim 1, wherein one of said first recording/reproduction apparatus and ~~or~~ said second recording/reproduction apparatus is installed in a vehicle.

13. (Currently Amended) A recording/reproduction apparatus which executes recording and reproduction of input data and which transmits and receives data with an other ~~another~~ apparatus, said recording/reproduction apparatus comprising:

a recording unit for recording a digital data group and a first database file which stores information regarding digital data, which includes copy origin information indicating where each digital data is copied from and copy destination information indicating where each digital data is copied to, each digital data of the digital data group;

an extraction unit operable to extract, from the first database file, information regarding digital data which corresponds to digital data which is recorded in said recording/reproduction apparatus but has not been recorded in ~~deleted from~~ the other apparatus, by comparing a received second database file which has stored information regarding each digital data of the digital data group recorded in the other apparatus with the first database file, and

a delete determination unit operable to determine, based upon the information regarding a copy origin and the information regarding a copy destination, whether or not to delete the extracted information regarding the digital data and the digital data that corresponds to the extracted information regarding the digital data from said recording/reproduction apparatus.

14. (Currently Amended) A data transmission/reception method for transmitting and reception data with another apparatus as well as managing recorded data, said method ~~including~~ comprising:

an extraction step for extracting, from the first database file, information regarding digital data which corresponds to digital data which is recorded in the recording/reproduction apparatus but has not been recorded in ~~deleted from~~ the other apparatus, by comparing a received second

database file which has stored information regarding digital data, which includes information regarding a copy origin which indicates where each digital data is copied from and information regarding a copy destination which indicates where each digital data is copied to, each digital data of the digital data group recorded in the other apparatus, with a first database file which has stored information regarding each digital data of the digital data group recorded in the recording/reproduction apparatus; and

a delete determination step for determining, based upon the information regarding a copy origin and the information regarding a copy destination, whether or not to delete the extracted information regarding the digital data and the digital data that corresponds to the extracted information regarding the digital data.

15. (Currently Amended) A program for transmitting and receiving data with another apparatus as well as managing recorded data, said program causing a computer to execute:

an extraction step for extracting, from the first database file, information regarding digital data which corresponds to digital data which is recorded in the recording/reproduction apparatus but has not been recorded in ~~deleted from~~ the other apparatus, by comparing a received second database file which has stored information regarding digital data, which includes information regarding a copy origin which indicates where each digital data is copied from and information regarding a copy destination which indicates where each digital data is copied to, each digital data of the digital data group recorded in the other apparatus, with a first database file which has stored information regarding each digital data of the digital data group recorded in the recording/reproduction apparatus; and

a delete determination step for determining, based upon the information regarding a copy origin and the information regarding a copy destination, whether or not to delete the extracted information regarding the digital data and the digital data that corresponds to the extracted information regarding the digital data.

16. (New) The recording/reproduction apparatus according to Claim 13, further comprising

a sending unit operable to send the extracted information regarding the digital data and the digital data that corresponds to the extracted information regarding the digital data to the other apparatus,

wherein said sending unit is operable to determine whether or not to send the extracted information regarding the digital data and the digital data that corresponds to the extracted information regarding the digital data to the other apparatus based upon the information regarding a copy origin and the information regarding a copy destination of the digital data.

17. (New) The data transmission/reception method according to Claim 14, further comprising

a sending step of determining whether or not to send the information regarding the digital data and the digital data that corresponds to the information regarding the digital data, the information being extracted in said extraction step, to the other apparatus based upon the information regarding a copy origin and the information regarding a copy destination of the digital data.

18. (New) The program according to Claim 15, further causing a computer to execute

a sending step of determining whether or not to send the information regarding the digital data and the digital data, the information being extracted in said extraction step, to the other apparatus based upon the information regarding a copy origin and the information regarding a copy destination of the digital data.